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**LOUISVILLE MAN SENTENCED TO 2½ YEARS IN PRISON  
FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **DESMOND L. STUCKEY**, age 24, of 3016 Lake Heath Drive, Louisville, Kentucky, **was sentenced** to 2½ years' imprisonment for one charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm. United States District Judge Jennifer B. Coffman also imposed supervised release for a period of 3 years following release from prison. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system.**

**Stuckey** had previously pled guilty to the gun charge on October 12, 2006. According to the written Plea Agreement filed in the case, on or about April 27, 2004, **Stuckey** was convicted of Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st, in case number 03-CR-2719 in Jefferson Circuit Court, Jefferson County, Kentucky. Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance 1st is a felony, that is, a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year.

After the 2004 felony conviction, on or about June 30, 2005, **Stuckey** knowingly possessed a firearm, that is, a loaded Ruger, Model P94DC, .40 caliber pistol, bearing serial number 341-35652. The .40 caliber Ruger had not been manufactured in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and, therefore, had traveled in interstate commerce prior to **Stuckey's** possession of the firearm. **Stuckey** possessed the firearm in Jefferson County, Louisville, Kentucky, which is in the Western District of Kentucky.

Assistant United States Attorney Jo E. Lawless prosecuted the case. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in close association with the Louisville Metro Police Department conducted the investigation.

**This is a Project Backfire prosecution. Project Backfire** is a cooperative effort by the Jefferson County Attorney's Office, the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorneys Office and the United States Attorney's Office to ensure that firearm offenses are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the state and federal law.

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